

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (Currently Amended) A urological resectoscope with a tubular shaft (3),
~~extending within which within having~~ a fixed optical guide tube (2), ~~within which~~ there is an optical system (1), which projects distally beyond the latter optical guide tube, an elongate, rod-shaped carrier (4), which carries a cutting instrument (6) at its distal end, being longitudinally moveably mounted in the tubular shaft (3) outside the optical guide tube (2), which carrier is held distally from the optical guide tube (2) with a sliding tube (8) on the optical system (1) at a radial spacing from the axis of the optical system (1) and is secured in the peripheral rotary direction to the optical guide tube (2) with a rotary lock (9, 10), ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the rotary lock has a bar (9) parallel to the carrier (4) and connected to it and a distally open elongate slot (10) in the optical guide tube (2).
- 2 (Currently Amended) A resectoscope as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the sliding tube (8) is integral with the bar (9) in the form of a cut away distal end piece of the optical guide tube (2).
- 3 (Currently Amended) A resectoscope as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cutting instrument (6) is a wire loop.

that wherein the proximal end of the bar (9) and/or the distal end of the slot (10) are sloped.